



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Chamberlain Creek High Speed Internet Relay		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	NW ¼ Section 33, Township 18 North, Range 15 West Mount Diablo Base & Meridian Lat N 39° 22' 22.66 Long W 123° 32' 29.36	<b>COUNTY</b>	Mendocino
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is to install an integrated antenna/radio in a tree on a ridge top between Cahto Peak and Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp to provide a high-speed internet "link" for service to Chamberlain Creek Camp. The 14" X 14" integrated antenna/radio will be mounted approximately 70 feet high on a 110 foot tall Douglas-fir tree along with a small solar panel to provide power. Electrical wire will run down the tree to a 3' X 3' enclosure for the system's batteries, to be located on the ground near the base of the tree. A sectional ladder will be installed onto this tree from approximately 10' above the ground to preclude public access to the antenna. It is proposed to install 15' X 15' security fencing that is 6' tall to surround the system. Clearance (30' or greater as necessary) of ground litter and vegetation (not trees) will be maintained around the system to minimize potential wildfire damage.

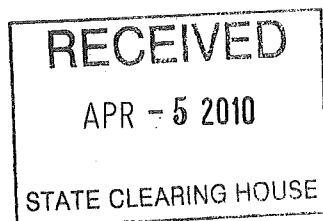
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 11 §15311 Accessory Structures  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The Accessory Structures Exemption allows for the construction of minor structures adjacent to institutional facilities. CAL FIRE staff have conducted a limited environmental review to ensure that no exceptions exist that would preclude the use of this exemption. Watercourses or other sensitive conditions do not occur within the project area. The California Natural Diversity Database was consulted. The proposed activity will not result in the taking of a rare, threatened, or endangered plant or animal. Due to the limited scope of this project, only minor ground disturbance will occur associated with installing fencing, battery housing, and defensible space brush clearance. Tree removal is not proposed. A CAL FIRE Archaeologist conducted a site visit and determined that no archaeological, historical or other cultural resources were identified within the project area of the proposed Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp High-Speed Internet Relay project. This project will not have a significant effect on air, water, biological or cultural resources or result in significant emissions of greenhouse gases.

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